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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Levchin, et al. —) Group Art Unit: 2768
Application No.: 09/560,215 —) Examiner: *not assigned*
Filed: April 28, 2000 —)
For: **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR** —)
ELECTRONICALLY EXCHANGING —)
VALUE AMONG DISTRIBUTED USERS —)

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure imposed by 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97, Attorneys for Applicant hereby invite the Examiner's attention to the references listed on the accompanying revised PTO Form 1449 entitled "List of References Cited by Applicant."

Identification of references listed on the accompanying PTO Form 1449 is not to be construed as an admission of Applicant or Attorneys for Applicant that such references are available as "prior art" against the subject application. Further, the right is reserved to antedate any included reference in accordance with standard procedure.

This submission is understood to complement the results of the Examiner's own independent search. The submission should not be construed as a representation that a search was made or that the cited references are inclusive of all the relevant and material citations that may be available publicly.

(*New Application*) Copies of each cited publication and U.S. and foreign patent, except for pending U.S. applications, are submitted herewith, along with a concise explanation of foreign language publications (if any).

(*Continuation Application*) The individual references in the accompanying "List of References" were cited by Applicants or the U.S. Examiner in the parent application, U.S. Serial No. _____, filed on _____. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), copies of the items are not enclosed but may be found in the file history of U.S. Serial No. _____.

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Applicant respectfully requests that the listed references be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the application identified above. The Examiner is requested to initial and return the enclosed PTO Form 1449 in accordance with MPEP § 609.

X 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b). No fee is believed due with this statement, because (check all that apply):

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- (3) It is being filed before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits.

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- B. a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d) requesting consideration of this statement is submitted herewith; **and**
- C. a fee of \$130.00 as set forth in § 1.17(i) is authorized below, enclosed, or included with the payment of other papers filed together with this statement.

Respectfully submitted,

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